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Dear Friends of Extension:

We are very pleased to share with you our annual association report for 2019. The report covers the federal reporting year of October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019.

In past annual reports, we described educational programs, activities offered, groups worked with, and outcomes achieved. However, for this report, we reshaped our format into a new look. It is shorter, and one we believe illustrates significant outcomes.

Our educators describe program outcomes through storytelling, creating narratives about individuals, their obstacles, and the personal successes they realized. We have highlighted them as representative of similar success stories we find during the year through conversations and observations of Extension participants. The subject individuals are real; the stories true. We were asked by individual subjects not to use their names, and so to protect their identities, we adopted the practice of using pseudonyms.

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Agriculture Education and Outreach provides a wide spectrum of programs that enhance and expand the economic viability of beginning and existing agricultural enterprises in Schoharie and Otsego Counties. Master Gardener Volunteers are neighbors teaching neighbors about multiple topics and issues in consumer horticulture and garden-based learning.

**Agriculture and Food Systems (Highlights)**
- Agritourism Risk Management
- Ag Solutions Fair, SUNY Cobleskill
- Annie’s Project Farm Business Risk Management
- Beginning Tree Fruit Online
- Blueprint for Change: Navigating Dairy Decision Making
- Calving and Neonatal Calf Care
- Celebration of Our Agricultural Community
- Central NY Beef Producers Feeder Calf Sale (Tele-Auction)
- Corn Day / Dairy Day (Central New York Ag Team)
- Dairy Alternatives
- Dairy Margin Coverage Program
- Family Farm Day 2019
- Farm Business Succession Planning
- Farm-to-School Initiative
- Field Crop Pest Management
- First Cutting Monitoring
- Forage Quality Seminars
- Fruit and Vegetable Conference
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Techniques
- Livestock Management / Handling Techniques
- Labor Roadshow
- Local Foods Roundtable at Hartwick College
- Manage Risk in Your Agritourism Business
- Manure Storage and Management
- Monitoring and Managing Ash (MaMA)
- NYS Grown & Certified Producer Grant
- On-Farm Readiness Review (FSMA Food Safety)
- Otsego County Fair
- Otsego County Regional Agriculture Development Center Initiative
- Precision Feed Management
- Rental Rates on the Farm
- Schoharie County Sunshine Fair
- Sexual Harassment Train-the-Trainer
- Understanding Expected Progeny Differences
- Young and Beginning Farmer Convergence

**Horticulture–Master Gardener Workshops and Events**
- All-America Selections (AAS) Open House
- Bat Housing
- Cobleskill Home & Garden Show
- Composting
- Conservation Field Day
- Culinary Herbs
- Cutler Botanical Garden Tour
- Dairy & Berry Festival Outreach
- Fall Gardening Workshop
- Farmers’ Markets Outreach
- GROW Initiative (Goal-Oriented Rural Outreach Work)
- Grafting Fruit Trees
- Healthy Hives: Update for Beekeepers
- Helplines (phone/emails)
- Invasive Species / Native Plant Selection
- Large and Small Fruit Pruning
- Making Sense of Seed Catalogs
- Master Gardener Volunteer Training
- National Seed Swap Day
- Otsego Annual Spring Plant Sale
- Otsego County Fair
- Rain Garden
- Schoharie Annual Plant Sale
- Schoharie County Sunshine Fair
- Schoharie Maple Fest
- Second and Third Season Gardening
- Seed Starting
- Sharon Springs Garden Party
- Soil Sampling
- Spring Garden Day at Earth Festival
- Straw Bale Vegetable Gardening
- Successful Steps for Freezing Foods
- Tick Updates
- Tomato in a Bucket
- Vegetable Gardening
- Wild Edibles
- Vermicomposting

**Farm Source Thrive Otsego**
- Developed online farmers’ market
- Assisted applicants for the NY Grown and Certified Food Safety Grant Program
- Participated in the Otsego County Environmental Summit
- Participated in the Regional Young and Beginning Farmer Convergence
- Participated in Otsego County Legislature meetings
- Reported to Otsego County oversight committees
- Visited and toured local established and beginning farms
- Met with Otsego County Chamber of Commerce
- Met with NY legislative representatives
- Participated in the Otsego County Environmental Alliance
- Provided outreach to farmers at the Otsego County Fair
- Provided outreach to vendors at farmers’ markets
The year brought challenging times to New York family farms and to farms across the nation. Low milk prices persisted, farms strove to adjust to tariffs, some farm market vendors continued to experience lower foot traffic, and food hubs struggled while providing healthy food choices for residents in areas of low populations. Yet the area’s online farmers’ market, Schoharie Fresh, worked well as a supplemental outlet for many local farms. The new Richfield Springs Community Food Cooperative (now Café and Market) grew from the dedicated volunteer efforts to draw members and customers to support its business model. The multi-farm 607 Upstate CSA (community-supported agriculture) successfully garnered transportation that can provide timely and consistent deliveries to downstate markets.

Despite challenges, young farmers in our two counties have developed healthy niche markets and wonder how they can expand further. They are raising families and running businesses that are required to follow new food safety regulations and labor laws. How can they afford to expand at this time when the demand is real?

Many New Yorkers know well the numerous challenges facing farmers. New York State Dept. of Ag and Markets instituted one program in particular, NYS Grown & Certified, for assisting producers through the challenges of meeting the new food safety regulations. While not intended for business expansion, complying with the new rules inevitably will allow for market retention and expansion. Six Schoharie and Otsego County producers will receive over $169,000 for facilities and equipment needed to meet these regulations, whether required or demanded by markets, schools, or institutions. The funds will help these farm businesses become compliant, competitive, and successful in many ways, as they raise or produce sheep, goat, poultry, beef, goat cheese, and fresh produce—all locally.

As facilitators, CCE Association educators in the six counties of the Mohawk Valley Development Region collaborated, while navigating, counseling, and implementing a challenging funding process on behalf of eligible farm applicants. Regionally, $500,000 has been earmarked. Persistence by everyone brought needed benefits to these working family farms.
A chance meeting evolved into an outreach opportunity between the Greater Milford Historical Society and Otsego Master Gardeners. The Society owns and operates both the Cultural Center and the Sayre Museum adjacent to the Center, both of which are utilized throughout the year.

The Sayre House was built in 1810. The Society’s Board of Directors has long recognized the aesthetic and educational value of a garden that would represent the botanical species in David Sayre’s time. Nevertheless, as a working board with little time and personnel, how could they create a garden as a true reflection of the early 1800s that is colorful and reasonable to maintain?

Board President Judy Kessler recalled, “It became the fortuitous event of the year. I saw Francine Stayter at the Spring Fiddlers’ Frolic and showed her the garden and the challenges to get it done. She told me about the Master Gardener GROW Initiative, and it just seemed like a good fit.”

GROW is a mini-grant, kick-starter program that partners Master Gardeners with Otsego County organizations that want to enhance, beautify, or educate their communities.

“I was excited by the pooling of our individual strengths to bring this project to life,” said Francine. “When working with an energized board and a strong community leader like Judy, the Master Gardeners quickly understood the site needs and created a plan that led to the restoration of the garden.”

Board member Jim Havener, who spearheaded the Sayre House restoration, provided an historical context for the project. Patrick McGregor of The Farmers’ Museum shared a piece from Susan Fenimore Cooper’s, Rural Hours, in which she describes a “cottage garden” circa 1840. Her description became the basis for the Lippett Garden at The Farmers’ Museum as well as an earlier development of the Sayre House garden.

Design research, contributions of Mohican Farm compost, plant divisions from community members, and the muddy knees of gardeners came together in a labor of love and learning.

“The period garden has drawn so much appeal from the community,” said Judy. “They found it a very worthy project that now has helped us build museum membership.” With this new start, the museum plans to incorporate vegetable gardening for hosting period dinners and other garden-centered events.

“Teamwork makes the dream work,” said Judy. “We are so thankful to the Master Gardeners for their efforts to help us meet our goal. Without them, we’d still be pulling weeds!”
A young couple, eager and enthusiastic to establish a farm operation of their own, found fulfillment in reclaiming the productivity of a farm that had ceased operation years before. They valued the time they could spend together, working toward a shared goal of bringing the farm back to life while building a livelihood for themselves and their young son.

The couple had focused on root and winter storage crops in a niche market where less competition and an opportunity to fill unmet demand was great. It was a sound plan that allowed them to quickly establish a number of customers. The couple soon faced the challenge of expanding their markets to achieve a level of sustainable operation. In order to gain access to larger numbers of potential customers, their farm would need certification in the federal produce handling regulations. The farm had an established food safety plan, but new federal rules that detailed how crops must be handled after harvest would require substantial improvements to their handling facility. The challenge for this young family was how to fund the building of a new facility.

Fortunately, NYS Department of Ag and Markets had predicted these challenges. The state had established a grant program to assist qualified producers with some of the costs encountered. The possibility of managing through this expansion seemed fortuitous as they set their energies toward applying. Farming carries significant challenges in meeting its goals, let alone navigating the complexity of a grant application. For this young family, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) was prepared to offer assistance through its Agriculture Implementation Specialist. The Specialist helped resolve challenges and found answers to requirements of the application. Together, they developed a proposal that ultimately was funded. Without these funds and the assistance from CCE, the future could have been uncertain for this young couple.
Nutrition Programs

2019 Year in Review

Our nutrition programs, the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) and the Healthy-Connections program, offer participants a hands-on opportunity to learn about making healthy, low-cost meals and snacks; how to save time and money with meal planning; using food labels to make healthier choices; and exploring new ideas for staying active. Through the two parallel programs, we are able to reach all audiences.

**EFNEP Nutrition Education**
- 50th Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program Celebration and Conference, Ithaca
- Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program Annual Fall Update
- Amsterdam Elementary After-school Cooking Club Lesson Series
- Bugbee Children’s Center, SUNY Oneonta, Summer Nutrition Lesson Series
- Expanded Food Nutrition Education Program Homemakers (Home-based) Lesson Series
- EFNEP Parents and Kids Cooking Together Class Lesson Series, Cobleskill and Middleburgh
- EFNEP Parents and Kids Cooking Together Class Sneaker Program Lesson Series a Partnership with Bassett Research Institute’s 5210 Initiative
- Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program (FVRx) Lesson Series, CCE Cobleskill
- Maple Festival, Healthy Food Demonstration Event
- Nutrition Lesson Series at Middleburgh Central School 8th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Grades
- Head Start Parent and Kids Cooking Together Class Lesson Series, Amsterdam and Gloversville
- Head Start Family Fun Day Nutrition Outreach Event, Fonda and Schoharie

**Healthy-Connections Nutrition Education**
- Meal Planning Class at the Johnstown Library
- Meal Planning Class at CCE, Cobleskill
- Chronic Conditions Class at the Clark Sports Center, Cooperstown
- Chronic Conditions Class at the Power-Up Health Fitness Performance Gym, Richmondville
- Chronic Conditions Class at Foxcare Gym, Oneonta
- Nutrition lesson series at Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS), Gloversville
- Whole Grains Class at Office of the Aging, Schoharie.
- Nutrition lesson series at Prospect House, Schoharie
- Making Healthy Choices with MyPlate Class at CCE Cobleskill for Schoharie ARC
- Making Healthy Choices with MyPlate Class at the Second Baptist Church Daycare, Edmeston
- Meal Planning Class at CCE Cobleskill for Visiting Nurses
- Whole Grains Class at the Schoharie Library
- Nutrition lesson series at CCE Cobleskill for SUNY Cobleskill and the Schoharie County Home of Ongoing Learning.
- Festival Farmers’ Market, Outreach Event
“Sheila,” a mother of two, was concerned that her son, “Jake,” aged 10, was very resistant to trying new foods. Is he getting the proper nutrition, she would question herself. In addition, his weight became a growing concern for her. She wasn’t confident on how to handle it, so in speaking with the family’s healthcare provider, Sheila was given a "prescription" for her family to participate in the Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program (FVRx) Lesson Series.

A Fruit and Vegetable Prescription heightens the awareness on how parents can help shape the family’s eating habits. The prescription is an introduction for an EFNEP nutrition educator to deliver a series of ten parent and child nutrition lessons, while families are provided free vouchers for fruits and vegetables that can be ordered weekly from Schoharie Fresh.

When “Jake” came to class, he was reserved and quiet. Sheila said, “He didn’t know what to expect.” Mom was surprised and proud when Jake showed an interest in trying the foods they made in class together.

One of the dishes they made included spinach, which was the first time he had tried it. Jake, asked if he liked it, shook his head in agreement and said, "I love it," as he proceeded to have two helpings.

As a group, the class made several more skillet meals that Jake loved, and enthusiastically he asked his mom to purchase a skillet for him. She bought one; later reporting that Jake was excited to remake the meals they tried in class. He began cooking for his family in the new skillet. By the lesson six, Sheila came to the educator and said, “Jake has really taken an interest in trying to be healthier. He has been more open to trying new foods and started running on the treadmill twice daily and has lost 6 pounds!” With four lessons until completion, mom had fewer worries, and Jake found his interest in cooking and healthier eating.
A women concerned with her weight attended a series of Healthy-Connections classes as part of a group. She wanted to learn some tips on eating healthier so she could lose weight. She admitted that she frequently drank soda with her lunch and dinner but was eating healthy otherwise.

During one of the classes, she learned just how much sugar and empty calories are in soda with an activity where participants matched bags of sugar with different sugary beverages, visually demonstrating how much sugar they may be consuming. After that class, she shared that at that very moment she realized how much sugar she was consuming in her beverages. As a result, she began freezing a bottle of water every night with fruit that she would add, so she could have ice-cold flavored water throughout her day instead of soda. By the end of the series, she had lost several pounds and was feeling better about herself.

Learning about healthy eating and making small changes in habits can result in profound changes, and with this woman, these changes led to improved weight and self-image.
4-H educators in Schoharie and Otsego Counties manage 43 active clubs that reach over 540 youth. The program affords youth opportunities for hands-on learning-by-doing in areas that are of interest to them. The 4-H Afterschool Program serves over 110 students in Cobleskill-Richmondville Central and Schoharie Central Schools, giving students the advantage of 4-H while providing quality afterschool care.

4-H Workshops and Events
- National 4-H Week Celebration
- 4-H Proclamation
- 4-H Alum Potluck
- 4-H Auction Orientation
- 4-H Officer Training
- Achievement Night
- Afterschool Program, Cobleskill Ryder School
- Afterschool Program, Schoharie Elementary School
- Ag Literacy Week, “On the Farm at the Market” by G. Brian Karas
- Agribusiness Career Conference, SUNY Cobleskill
- Animal Crackers, Cornell University - Species: Horse and Poultry
- Babysitting Certificate Course
- Beef and Swine Showmanship Clinic
- Calf Sale
- Camp Shankitunk
- Capital Days
- Career Explorations, Cornell University
- Communications Institute, Cornell University
- Cooking Clinic
- Regional and State Dairy Quiz Bowl
- Dairy Challenge
- Dairy Clinic
- Dairy Discovery Workshop
- You Be the Dairy Judge
- Dog Fun Show
- Dog Grooming & Handling
- Dog Obedience Workshop and Classes
- Dog Rally and Agility Workshop
- Drone Discovery Day
- Earn-an-Animal Program
- The Farmers’ Museum Candlelight Evening
- Harvest Festival
- The Farmers’ Museum 72nd Annual Junior Livestock Show
- Fine Arts Clinic: Painting
- Fishing Workshop
- Focus on Careers
- Garden Clinic
- Goat and Sheep Showmanship Clinic
- Horse Camp
- Regional and State Hippology
- Horse Evaluations
- Regional Horse Quiz Bowl
- Horse Science Day, SUNY Cobleskill
- Horse Showmanship Clinic
- Goat Education Classes
- 4-H Information Night
- Insectapalooza, Cornell University
- International Night
- Introduction to Air Rifles
- Introduction to Archery
- Introduction to Rifles
- Leader Trainings and Luncheon
- Legislative Intern Program
- Lights on Afterschool
- Livestock Auction at the Fair
- 4-H Bus Trip to New England Aquarium
- National Science Day: Code Your World
- New York State Fair, Teen Team
- Otsego County Fair
- Fall and Spring 4-H Paper Clover Sale, Tractor Supply Company
- Day-Old Pheasant Chicks Program, 2150 pheasant chicks distributed
- Photography Clinic
- Poultry Showmanship Clinic
- Public Presentation Training
- Public Presentations, County and District
- Rabbit Showmanship Clinic
- Schoharie County Sunshine Fair
- Sewing Clinic
- Sportsman Educators Workshop
- State Teen Action Rep, Retreat (STARR)
- STEM Camp, Camp Shankitunk
- 4-H Theater Club Spring Production- Peter Pan
- Tractor Safety Training
- Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine-Open House
- 4-H Auction Clinic
- Sheep Youth Conservationist Program
- Community Service 4-H Clubs and Families - Mass Casualty Drill, Bassett
- 4-H Club Banner Workshop
- 4-H State Fair Teen Leader Orientation
- 4-H Club Reorganization
- 4-H Issue Committee Meetings- Consumer Science, Dairy, Horse, and Livestock
A young man of thirteen stood in the show ring, giving his full attention to the animal standing next to him and the adult across from him. He is not alone; five other youth and their animals stand alert as well. The judge inspects the group, carefully studying each pair. He deliberately walks up to the young man, shakes his hand and proceeds to announce “Sawyer” as the 2019 4-H Champion Showman of this species. Sawyer’s chest puffs out a bit, his chin rises and a smile spreads across his face. He is an overcomer.

Sawyer was not born into a 4-H family. He spent his first four and a half years of life imprisoned in chaos, fear, and neglect. When he was placed with his forever family, he was an angry and troubled child. He had a violent temper and was ready to lash out at everyone. That was not the whole picture, though. When Sawyer helped care for the animals in the barn, he displayed a gentleness and kindness that spoke of his true nature. He began to participate in 4-H activities with his new family. He learned to work with other children, gained confidence while giving Public Presentations, and developed patience and compassion while working with animals. 4-H has had a powerful impact on this young life in lasting ways.
4-H State Fair Teen Team is one 4-H opportunity where youth can learn to improve their communication and leadership skills. This year “Tom” and “Holly” were recruited as new members of the Fair Team. The educational theme of the State 4-H booth was 4-H Beekeeping and these teens are beekeepers. On day one, it was obvious that although the teens were knowledgeable about the topic, the new recruits were quiet, reserved, and lacked confidence. Adult 4-H volunteers provided hands on mentoring for the 4-H Teen Team. Daily, the adults would model how to invite, engage, and communicate with fairgoers who wanted to learn about bees. When visitors—young and old—found out that the teens were beekeepers, the conversations were a “buzz!”

By day five, the personal transformations were evident. At the age of 13, Tom and Holly clearly demonstrated the life skills of communication and leadership. Since State Fair, Tom and Holly have participated in several public events sharing their 4-H story and knowledge of bees. Tom and Holly were 4-H Ambassadors for National 4-H Week and addressed the Otsego County Board of Representatives speaking clearly and confidently. Later, Holly shared, “I wasn’t even nervous!”

Learning to communicate and become leaders at this young age are skills that will only grow as Tom and Holly continue in their 4-H journey and will benefit them for a lifetime.
When “Samson” began at our Afterschool Program, he struggled to connect with the other children, and he had difficulty complying with the adults in the program. He was uncooperative and unwilling to join in any of the 4-H project clubs offered at the program. The staffs’ initial attempts to involve Samson failed; however, they did not give up. Eventually with much patience and coaxing, he joined the project club, Things That Move, and in time became involved in all stages of club decision-making with other children. He learned what a club really is, how one is run, and this enabled him to change his own behavior making him successful when he helped in developing the rules of his club. He became an active participant!

He developed a real sense of ownership in his club by being included in decision-making, planning, and activity preparation. He began assisting program adults and helping other club members. Samson completed projects in the afterschool club environment that were displayed at the county fair this year by the program director. When Samson went to the fair this year, he proudly showed his family his projects on display in Progressland.

Next year, a staff goal is to encourage and facilitate Samson in entering his own 4-H club projects in the fair for judging, so he can be further rewarded for his efforts. The Afterschool Program provides a safe environment for Samson to take small steps as he develops social and leadership skills.
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**Eastern NY Commerical Horticulture Program**

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The program is a regional Cornell Cooperative Extension program serving the educational and research needs of commercial fruit and vegetable producers in Eastern New York. To learn more about the team visit its website at [http://enych.cce.cornell.edu](http://enych.cce.cornell.edu)
**Financial Support**

**Association Funding**

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schoharie and Otsego Counties is financially supported by county, state and federal funds. This cooperative funding partnership links local residents and communities to Cornell University and the nationwide land-grant university system of research and education. Our core governmental funding is augmented with grants, contracts, program fees, and private contributions. The total budget for the 2019 federal reporting year was approximately $1,282,718.

### 2019 Financial Support for 10/01/2018 - 09/30/2019

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**Funding Source Definitions:**
- **County Appropriations** – represent funds from Schoharie and Otsego Counties to support the work of the association.
- **Direct Aid** – represents fringe benefits paid on behalf of the association through Cornell University.
- **Federal Smith-Lever Funds** – support through the federal enabling legislation for Cooperative Extension, administered by state land-grant institutions.
- **State 224 Funds** – represent legislative support from NYS for operation of county cooperative extension associations.